



Hog Prices: ↓
Soymeal: ↓
Corn: ↓
Cdn Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter
412,000—Wednesday's
424,000—Wednesday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Southern MN \$58.20
Western Corn Belt \$58.49
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$122.59
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.1437 CAD / \$0.8746 US
Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg) Cash prices for week ending May 15th, 2009
60.22 / 132.75 Signature #3
59.20 / 130.52 MPMC Cash
56.51 / 124.58 Springhill

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Hog Margin Outlook

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Thursday, May 21, 2009

Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened lower this morning. Cash markets are trading lower again as packers have reduced their Saturday kill schedule, resulting in ample hog supplies for the end of the week. Hog producers are not current with their marketings, as hog weights are up 3% over last year's levels. Despite the cuts to production and the lower bids, packers are dealing with negative operating margins due to the sharply lower pork cut-out. Primal cuts that are largely kept for domestic consumption have not kept pace with normal seasonal trends, indicating that domestic demand may still be under pressure from the ongoing economic recession. Lean Hog futures continue to hold an average premium over the current cash market, however fundamentals do not support these levels unless we see a recovery in cash prices starting early next week.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Soymeal pricing has increased daily since early last week, but losses for soybeans in the overnight session coupled with a strong Canadian Dollar is helping cash soymeal drop roughly \$8/MT today. Producers should take note that truck availability has become increasingly limited and to allow for increased lead time when ordering a spot load.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. A revision to include higher temperatures heading into the weekend and decreased rainfall spurred farmer selling yesterday. This bearish tone carried into the overnight session and is also being supported this morning by losses for crude oil—which is hovering around \$60.50 US.

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Fixed Forward Range		129.30	129.30	134.19	129.61	124.35	118.63	114.62	126.06
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		130.86	136.28	139.50	135.34	128.51	124.35	126.06	136.46
Estimated Hog Margin	-14.59	-7.10	-6.74	-4.22	-5.37	-5.04	-3.29	-0.33	8.11
Soymeal Delivered	513	517	520	527	532	410	410	410	410
Corn Delivered	190	192	194	196	198				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$625/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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